

The Port Williams Acadian

PORT WILLIAMS AND VICINITY

Miss Knappan, of Halifax, has been the guest of Mrs. Foulis Newcombe, Belcher Street, for a few days.

Mrs. Paul Mosher, of Halifax, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bedford Chase, Belcher Street.

The "Loyal Workers" Sunday School class of the United Baptist church held a pie sale in Temperance Hall on Monday evening, realizing over \$25.00.

Mr. Doll, of Belcher Street, returned last Tuesday from Allantown, Pennsylvania, where he had been spending the winter.

Mr. Thos. MacCabe, Church Street, had the misfortune to lose a valuable horse last week. Having only purchased the horse very recently it makes the loss more keenly felt than it otherwise would have been.

Mr. Elias Curry, of Wolfville, is spending a few days as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Cogswell.

Miss Mildred Lloyd, of East Sable River, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Frank Lloyd, also her sister, Miss Dorothy Lloyd.

Mrs. Margaret Beanson, of Belcher Street, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Bishop, Sunnyside.

Miss Lucy Cogswell and Miss Eva Steadman are the guests of their cousin, Mrs. W. A. Hiltz, Klondyke, Kentville.

The item in last week's issue re Miss Maud Hocken, should have read, Miss Maud Tennant, visiting her sister Mrs. R. S. Hocken.

Rev. and Mrs. O. N. Chipman, accompanied by their son Harold, left for Boston on Friday, May 29th, where Harold will undergo another course of treatment. Mr. and Mrs. Chipman intend visiting their daughter, Mrs. Brown, in Pennsylvania, also their son Roy, who has been at Yale University.

Dr. Hutchins, of Acadia University, Wolfville, occupied the pulpit of the United Baptist church on Sunday evening, May 31, and was thoroughly enjoyed by a large congregation. Dr. Hutchins is a man of rare ability, therefore is always appreciated wherever he goes, both far and near.

Mrs. M. K. Ellis, Belcher Street, entertained a number of friends at an afternoon tea on Tuesday afternoon, in honor of her sister, Mrs. MacNaughton, of Vancouver.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Newcombe had a very narrow escape from being killed on Tuesday. When their car was being backed out of the barn, the little one ran toward it, and was knocked down by the car. Only the presence of mind of the parent averted that which would have been a fatal accident.

Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Ellis motored to Digby on Wednesday accompanied by their son Lewis, also Mr. and Mrs. MacNaughton, who have been visiting them, and are now on their way back to their home in Vancouver, British Columbia.

On June 3rd a great many people from here visited Kentville to take in the annual horse show and parade. Although it was a dull day, their enthusiasm was as great as the sky was clear.

A goodly number of the ladies of the Women's Institute went to Wolfville on Tuesday to attend the demonstration of cooking fish, given by Mrs. Evelene Spencer, who is touring the province, giving lectures where space is available. Mrs. Spencer is well qualified for this work, having had years of experience, which after all is the best teacher, and the ladies who attended the meeting most certainly were well repaid. Each one profusely cooked fillet of cod, the "Spencer" way, and an epicure might eat it and have nothing to say other than, "It was delicious."

Mrs. Ira Porter, of Yarmouth, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Eldridge, Main street. Mrs. Porter is accompanied by her friend, Miss Elizabeth Moses, also of Yarmouth.

Several people in and around Church Street motored to Canard on Wednesday morning to attend the Starr-Dickie wedding, which took place in the Upper Canard Presbyterian church. The contracting parties were Miss Gladys Dickie, of Sheffield Mills, and Mr. Robert Starr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Starr, of Starr's Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Murphy, of Church Street, entertained as their guests on Tuesday afternoon and evening Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gould and their son George from Musquodoboit, Halifax county, also Mr. and Mrs. Ramsay, of Stewiacke, who were en route to Aylesford to attend the wedding of their son, which took place at Aylesford on Wednesday.

Mr. Archibald Merritt, who lost his house by fire recently, is rebuilding again. At present the family is occupying a part of the house known as the Wm. Norton place, now owned by Mr. Kempston Gates.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Meisner and two children, of Nictaux Falls, visited Mrs. Meisner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Gates, the last week of May, and at the same time attended the closing exercises of Acadia University.

The June meeting of Port Williams Institute will be held June 11th in Institute Hall. Response to roll call "Favorite flowers". A report of the annual convention at Truro will be given by the returned delegates.

Miss Maude Lane, of Truro, has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Ellis, Belcher Street.

Mrs. Thomas McCabe, of Church Street, and Mrs. Fred Wood, Main street, left yesterday afternoon to attend the Women's Institute Convention now being held at Truro.

Miss Edith Burnham, a native of Digby county, who is a graduate of the Curry School of Expression, Boston, will give a recital in Temperance Hall under the auspices of the Women's Institute on Friday evening, June 12. There will also be vocal and instrumental music. Miss Burnham comes well recommended and is considered an artist at her work.

Major General Sir Edward W. B. Morrison, K.C., M.G., K.C.B., D.S.O., late Adjutant General at National Defense headquarters, a veteran of South African war, and officer commanding the Canadian artillery in France during the Great War, died last Thursday morning at Ottawa in the 60th year. Sir Edward had been in failing health for some time. Death came during his sleep.

WHO WROTE THE CORRESPONDENCE FROM WARD REGARDING ASSESSMENT?

To the Editor of THE ACADIAN

Mr. Editor,—Kindly allow me space in your valuable paper to bring before the electors of Kings county the true explanation of some of the facts so grossly misrepresented by Mr. Wood in his letter that appeared in the Berwick and Kentville papers. I cannot believe that Mr. Wood himself would stoop to so misrepresent the facts regarding the assessment in his ward; it would appear that he was influenced by some lower power, for why should he wish to mislead the public?

For the sake of comparison I will quote Mr. Wood's figures:

Assessment for the years 1923 and 1925 respectively:

L. H. Brown, Liberal \$225.00 \$300.00
H. Barlow, " 700.00 500.00

Ed. Spicer, Liberal 400.00 350.00
E. Doucette, " 400.00 400.00

C. Parrish, Liberal 550.00 450.00
D. B. Parker, Liberal 600.00 500.00

B. Benanson, " 600.00 700.00
J. H. Jackson, " 350.00 375.00

E. Gould, Conservative 500.00 900.00
E. Anderson, Conservative 250.00 250.00

I. Spicer, Conservative 150.00 200.00
Fred Ayer, " 150.00 200.00

W. H. Perry, " 150.00 250.00
I. B. Morris, " 400.00 600.00
Emerson Spicer, " 200.00 300.00

C. Swindell, Conservative 250.00 250.00
You will note that Mr. Wood compared the 1923 assessment with the assessment of 1925, omitting the year 1924, when many of the changes were made, which Mr. Wood attributed to me.

I shall now give the figures of the local assessors for Ward 14, 1924, (omitted by Mr. Wood) and my assessment for 1925.

1924 1925
Local Ward J. B. Ger-

Assessment tridge's As-

Lemuel Brown Liberal \$200.00 \$200.00
H. Barlow, " 500.00 500.00

Ed. Spicer, Sr. " 250.00 350.00
Ed. Spicer, Jr. " 150.00
E. Doucette, " 475.00 400.00

C. Parrish, " 575.00 450.00
D. B. Parker, " 400.00 500.00
B. Benanson, " 700.00 700.00

J. H. Jackson, " 375.00 375.00
E. Gould, Conservative 600.00 900.00
Leland Gould, " 200.00
E. Anderson, " 225.00 250.00

I. Spicer, " 225.00 200.00
Fred Ayer, " 150.00 200.00
W. H. Perry, " 175.00 200.00

I. B. Morris, " 225.00 300.00
Emerson Spicer, " 225.00 300.00
C. Swindell, " 250.00 250.00

Mr. Lemuel Brown's assessment was as you will note, neither raised or lowered by me. According to the books I have

Mr. Brown's assessment was raised \$25.00 when he purchased for \$25.00 the Base Line Road farm (so called by Mr. Wood). Does a few acres of land without buildings constitute a farm?

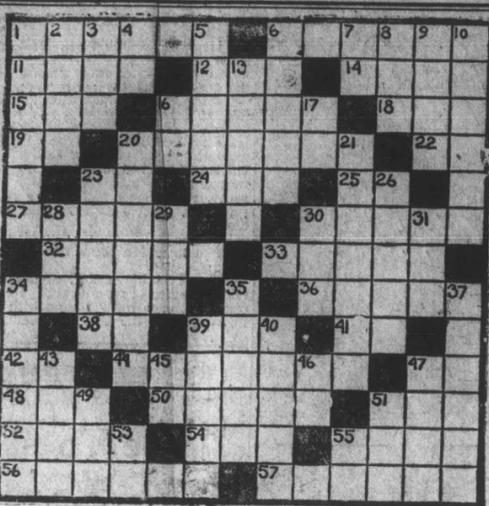
Mr. H. Barlow was assessed \$700.00 before his fine house and barn, built by Capt. McBride, was destroyed by fire. After this loss the ward assessors reduced his assessment to \$500.00 which I am sure showed good judgment. He now has a small bungalow and an unfinished barn.

Mr. Ed. Spicer's assessment was increased by the addition of the property formerly assessed to his son Ed. Spicer, Jr.

Mr. E. Doucette's assessment was lowered in order to compare favorably with other property in the ward.

Mr. C. Parrish was lowered \$125.00 on personal property. He formerly owned 25 head of cattle, grain grinder and threshing outfit, which he has now sold and now owns one cow and a pair of steers.

Ex-Councillor D. B. Parker has been raised \$100.00 by me rather than lowered \$100.00 as inferred by Mr. Wood. You will note by the figures above that the assessment of Messrs. Benanson and Jackson were not raised by me, and before the lists were made out and they



KEY TO CROSS WORD PUZZLE NO. 101

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| Horizontal | Vertical |
| 1. Red breasted birds. | 1. Proportions. |
| 6. A favorite season of the year. | 2. A pronoun (plu.) |
| 11. Soon. | 3. A case of wood or cardboard. |
| 12. Chief Certified Accountant (abbr.). | 4. Within. |
| 14. Above. | 5. Meagre. |
| 15. A Southern State (abbr.). | 6. A kind of fabric. |
| 16. A material used in making beer (plu.). | 7. Recto (abbr.). |
| 18. An affirmative. | 8. A clinging vine. |
| 19. Exists. | 9. Never (poetic). |
| 20. Leasing. | 10. Covered with grass. |
| 22. Rupees (abbr.). | 13. A place in a church. |
| 23. That man. | 16. Another form of "I". |
| 24. A color. | 17. Tin (symbol). |
| 25. An Egyptian sun god. | 20. To claim over again. |
| 27. Sleek, smooth (slang). | 21. Allowed. |
| 30. To wed. | 23. Parts of swords. |
| 32. A girl's name. | 26. Malicious burning. |
| 33. Meaning. | 28. A Meadow. |
| 34. The chief devil. | 29. Knowledge (Scotch). |
| 36. Indifferent to pain or pleasure. | 30. Methodist Episcopal (Church) South (abbr.). |
| 38. A note in the diatonic scale. | 31. A Portuguese money. |
| 39. The knave of clubs in five card loo. | 34. A shrill, loud noise. |
| 41. Half the width of an em. | 35. A drawing room. |
| 42. Railroad (abbr.). | 37. A vegetable. |
| 44. A kind of duck. | 39. Works at steadily. |
| 47. A measure of area. | 40. A girl's name. |
| 48. An aural appendage. | 43. Unusual. |
| 50. An ancient queen of Thebes, whose children were all slain (Greek myth) | 45. One. |
| 51. Atmosphere. | 46. A note in the diatonic scale. |
| 52. A native of Arabia. | 47. River islands. |
| 54. A suffix used in forming the names of certain hydrocarbons. | 49. A rodent. |
| 55. A kind of singing voice. | 51. A beverage. |
| 56. Instruments for measuring. | 53. To exist. |
| 57. Newest. | 55. In. |

This puzzle took 15 minutes to solve. See how long it will take you to solve it

were both satisfied with their assessment. Mr. E. Gould's assessment was raised by the addition of his son Leland's property, which was omitted from the rolls in the year 1923. Also on account of wood lot purchased by Mr. Gould, as well as the large stock which Mr. Gould keeps—25 to 30 head of cattle.

Mr. Anderson's assessment was raised on account of increase in personal property.

Mr. Isaac Spicer, who, according to Mr. Wood, was raised \$50.00, was in fact lowered \$25.00.

Mr. Fred Ayer's assessment was increased on account of having built a new store, also his stock in trade.

Mr. Perry's assessment was raised \$25.00 instead of \$100.00.

The slight increase of \$25.00 in Mr. Morris' assessment was on his private

yacht, personal property.

Mr. Emerson Spicer was raised on account of his purchasing a forty acre lot.

Mr. C. Swindell in 1924 was assessed \$250.00 and his assessment still remains the same.

The name of "Cornelius Richardson" was copied from a previous book but on finding it was an error, it was erased from the roll last December.

Mr. Wood asks, what is being done with the "additional taxes" collected from Ward 14. If Mr. Wood had made himself acquainted with all the facts and obtained correct figures, he would not be asking that question, but would be congratulating Ward 14 on having its burdens lessened.

The exact figures are as follows: Total amount taxes asked from Ward

14 in 1924 \$1683.69

Total amount taxes asked from Ward 14 in 1925 \$1400.55

Total decrease for 1925 \$283.14

This is the "last assault" and "the abuses" that Mr. Wood refers to. Mr. Wood's opinion is that I do not know whether the residents of Ward 14 "live in mud huts or mansions"; possibly the reading public might infer that Mr. Wood himself lived in a mud hut judging from the mud he has thrown.

Mr. Wood seems to insinuate that I have been imposing on Conservative rate-payers and favoring Liberals, which if true would be a grave injustice. If Mr. Wood would look into the assessment of the various wards he would find that in some sections, it was necessary for me to raise Liberals and lower the Conservatives—in other sections vice versa.

I may sometimes have erred in my judgment, but as to the "unfairness" of which Mr. Wood writes, I consider the insinuations as entirely unwarranted. That is something to which I would not stoop.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your valuable space, I remain, Ward 14, Yours truly,

JOHN B. GERTRIDGE
Gaspereau, Kings Co., N.S.

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